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not to kill this piece of legislation and I do hope that we'll take a serious look here and let this be the day that we tell the people once and for all, if you are going to drink and drive, we're going to take your license away and let's not have any coddling this time. Let's do something that we'll make stick.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Barnett, then Hasebroock, then Richendifer, and then Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. Chairman, I don't want to take too long, except to tell you that I oppose Senator Keyes motion. I think that this body should be aware of one thing right now. This won't be the only piece of highway legislation that's going to come through this group. Now, if you want to turn them down, that's your business. You are having an opportunity to try and take part in what people that have met for years, in the last two or three years specifically, have gathered the information together and have said that this is where we have to make corrections. What we are doing today is definitely not reducing the fatalities in the state at all. This is just one small piece of legislation that is going to work towards the end of reducing fatalities and I might add that everybody in here has a pretty good opportunity as much as travel as you do across this state to becoming involved with some of the people that we're trying to get off the road. We would hope that you would see fit to back some of our legislation in our Highway Safety area. We need it. We need your help. This is just one of them. I repeat it again. This is just one little small piece but it's really needed. I do have an amendment on the board, too, and would take... do we take care of that after we dispose of this? If he disposes of the bill, I won't need the amendment but if he doesn't, we're going to need it. So, would we wait until his is out of the way?

SPEAKER: Yes.

SENATOR BARNETT: Thank you.

SPEAKER: Senator Hasebroock.

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise in opposition to postponing the bill. I feel that this legislation is necessary and that it has some teeth in it and we heard it before the Public Works Committee and there was no opposition to it and restore it to its original. to the original bill as proposed I think it's very necessary because we do need some legislation and we should quit coddling the driver that is offending and the quickest thing they recognize is the suspension of their driver's license, and I hope that we will vote to not indefinitely postpone it.

SPEAKER: Senator Richendifer.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: I have, Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I have one point. I failed to find it on my desk here, but here is a person that in eight years had accumulated 61 points. He's still driving. Another, 6 years, 47 accumulated points, he's still driving. He, probably, doesn't have any insurance, but he still could run into you because he's still driving.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, Mr. President, in the Judiciary Committee we've had a number of hearings on similar applications. Recently, I've been privileged to set with county attorneys and other law enforcement officers, judges, probation officers. We're getting into an area now that I don't think we realize where we are going. In my county of Scottsbluff, we have a backlog of cases of six months. Even though we have two district judges and formed another court out there